



Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Board Meeting

11209 Metric Blvd., Building H – Lone Star Conference Room

Austin, Texas 78757

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott W. Fisher, Board Chairman

The Honorable Jimmy Smith

Scott Matthew

Jane Anderson King

The Honorable John Brieden III

Melissa Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Rene Olvera

MaryLou Mendoza

Participating via video-conference from remote locations:

The Honorable Becky Gregory (Home residence - Dallas)

The Honorable Laura Parker (Ayres Halfway House – San Antonio)

The Honorable Carol Bush (Cottrell Halfway House - Dallas)

Calvin Stephens (Cottrell Halfway House - Dallas)

Joseph Brown (Gainesville State School - Gainesville)

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Griffiths, Executive Director

Linda Brooke, Chief of Staff

Brett Bray, General Counsel

Elaine Mays, Chief Information & Technology Officer

Royce Myer, Human Resource Director

Teresa Stroud, Senior Director of State Programs & Facilities

Eleazar Garcia, Chief Internal Auditor

Roland Luna, Chief Inspector General

Jim Hurley, Communications Manager

Jeannette Cantu, Executive Assistant

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT:

Kevin DuBose, TJJD	Estela Medina, Travis County	Carolyn Jackson, TJJD
Katrena Plummer, TJJD	Chelsea Buchholtz, TJJD	Elizabeth Henneke, TCJC
Debbie Unruh, Ombudsman	Jerome Williams, TJJD	Camilla Cannon, TJJD
Vanessa Burgess, TJJD	Rod Venner, TJJD	Rejeana Reynolds, TJJD
Lucy Rodriguez, TJJD	Kris Johnson, Comal County	Jeannette Lepe, TJJD
Kavita Gupta, TJJD	Terra Tucker, Senator	
	Whitmire's Office	

Call to Order

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. This is an open meeting that has been posted with the proper notice in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Some board members are joining via videoconference from locations around the state in accordance to Texas Government Code §551.127. A quorum was present.

Chairman Fisher reported here in Austin, at our posted location, the video and audio are made available to the public in attendance today. We are also recording this meeting and will make it available to the public upon request. The law requires each of us to identify ourselves each time we speak. Chairman Fisher called roll and each member present responded to their name as it was called.

Chairman Fisher stated if a technical problem were to occur that causes the meeting to no longer be audible or visible, the board would recess until the problem is resolved.

Prayer

Mr. Jerome Williams, TJJD PREA Coordinator, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Excused Absences

Commissioner Smith moved to excuse the absences of Ms. Mendoza and Dr. Olvera. Ms. King seconded. The motion passed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Chairman Fisher announced the purpose of today's meeting is for our Board to collaborate and come forward with a recommendation for an Interim Executive Director due to the announced retirement of our Executive Director, Mr. Griffiths. Chairman Fisher offered Mr. Griffiths the opportunity to address the Board.

Mr. Griffiths expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the finest 18 months that any Executive Director could have with an agency. You have been a unanimously supportive Board of this agency and

it's greatly appreciated. Our employees, executive team, partnerships with the field of probation and partnerships with other state agencies are stronger than they have ever been. I will cherish the days that I've spent with this agency.

Chairman Fisher stated the Board feels Mr. Griffiths has been a great Executive Director to work with. He has put together a great executive team who together with the staff and has done a phenomenal job. It is well noted around the state.

Chairman Fisher recessed open session. The Board reconvened in closed session at 10:08 a.m.

Closed Session – Executive Session

- a) **§551.071 consultation with legal counsel**
- b) **§551.074 discussion of personnel matters relating to:**
 - **selection of an Interim Executive Director**
 - **hiring process for the selection of an Executive Director**

Reconvene in open session, discussion and possible action regarding matters deliberated in closed Executive Session (Action)

Chairman Fisher reconvened in open session at 10:39 a.m. and advised no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Matthew moved to accept the resignation of Executive Director Mike Griffiths effective March 31, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion consideration and possible approval relating to the selection of an Interim Executive Director

Ms. King moved to designate Linda Brooke, as the Interim Executive Director of TJJD, effective April 1, 2014 with compensation of \$155,000 per year. Mr. Matthew seconded. The motion passed.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.